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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

STEFFON BARBER, an individual,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a  
municipal entity, and DOES 1 through  
10, inclusive,  
  
Defendant.

Case No. 5:22-cv-00625-KK-DTBx  
  
*[District Judge, Kenly Kiya Kato,  
Magistrate Judge, David T. Bristow]*

**[MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 5]**

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION IN LIMINE TO  
TRIFURCATE TRIAL INTO  
THREE PHASES: (1) LIABILITY  
PHASE, COMPENSATORY  
DAMAGES CALCULATION, AND  
PUNITIVE DAMAGES  
PREDICATE; (2) PUNITIVE  
DAMAGES CALCULATION, IF  
NECESSARY; AND (3) MONELL  
LIABILITY, MONELL DAMAGES  
CALCULATION, IF NECESSARY**

Judge: Hon. Kenly Kiva Kato  
Date: 1/8/2026  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Crtrm.: 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Trial Date: 1/26/26

After due consideration of all relevant pleadings, papers and records in this  
action; and upon such other oral and document evidence or argument as was  
presented to the Court; and Good Cause appearing therefor, and in furtherance of the

interests of justice,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' motion *in limine* to Trifurcate Trial Into Three Phases is granted. The Court hereby orders the trial shall be trifurcated as follows:

(1) Liability phase, compensatory damages calculation, and punitive damages predicate;

(2) Punitive damages calculation, if necessary; and

(3) *Monell* liability and *Monell* damages calculation, if necessary.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hon. Kenly Kiya Kato  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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